

Kingston Conservation Advisory Council—C.A.C.

Minutes 8/12/09—meeting called to order 6:10pm

Attendance:

Members: Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Valeria Gheorghiu (6:20), Felipa Gaudet, Sidney Hymes (6:30), Andrew Meyer, Gregg Swanzey

Guests: Casey A. Schwarz

- All board members agreed to read minutes online and send corrections/comments to Allison, in order to reduce printing
- A motion was made(Andrew) to push our meeting back a half hour to accommodate members schedules --Gregg-2nd
- Our next meeting will be 9/9/09---**new time 6:30pm**
- Minutes from meetings held 7/8/09 and 7/24/09 were approved
- Julie would like to invite the Planning Board to one of our fall meetings

Communications:

Sunshine Solar---the group discussed whether we want to have an informational meeting or meet with all solar companies in the area. We will talk about it at a later date. Members are encouraged to review packet that Sunshine Solar sent to each person.

Reports:

E.M.C.—

1. grants available(presented by Amanda LaValle)---for more info go to www.nyserda.org/EconomicRecovery --there is a deadline of Aug. 24

Steve Finkle has written grants for the city**should we meet with him to discuss how we can help? Julie will invite him to a future meeting.

2. C.A.C. conference in the fall---date pending. Discussions involving goals/problems/suggestions.
3. Conference of the Environment---Nov. 13-15---Watkins Glen at the Harbor Hotel
4. Green Guide/Bike Route Map is on the Woodstock, N.Y. website

Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training---

1. Going into new area for habitat mapping. This will be the last time in the field for the group.

Administrative Matters---

1. Julie will check on status of Judith, Felipa, and Valeria

2. Local Legislation---haven't heard anything yet---Julie will follow up
3. Policies and Procedures---tabled from last meeting. Gregg, Valeria, and Allison will review and make changes from model for group approval. Andrew will try to get information from other C.A.C. groups regarding their policies and procedures. Valeria will look into Woodstock and New Paltz C.A.C. groups.
4. Board Priorities---tabled until Climate Smart/Green Jobs pledge is finalized.
5. Andrew will be here for the Sept. meeting. Board recruitment will be handled with policies and procedures.

Old Business:

- Climate Smart/Green Jobs Community Pledge---the group worked on draft and made corrections to draft pledge. Allison will type pledge and send to group for approval. Andrew made a motion that our group approves the document that we generated and will present it to the Laws and Rules committee on Aug. 20. Sidney 2nd.
- Pay as you Throw---tabled
- Bike Map---tabled

Andrew made motion to adjourn meeting. Sidney 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 9:22 pm